

25<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear colleague,

Leeds LMC and Leeds GP Confederation joint position statement

Leeds LMC and Leeds GP Confederation, having considered the NHSEI Plan for improving access for patients and supporting general practice, have jointly agreed:

- We reject the plan and its content of arbitrary and inconsistent measures.
- We are opposed to the public identification of practices for the purpose of creation of league tables and 'naming and shaming' them, which will only lead to hardworking and dedicated practice staff being abused, will undermine recruitment and retention of the general practice workforce and could widen health inequalities.
- We require a commitment that all the available resources outlined in the plan go to all practices to support them provide services to their patients.
- We are committed to improving access and patient outcomes and endeavour to do this through reflective practice, quality improvement and peer support. All of which whilst continuing to keep patients and the workforce safe within existing Infection Prevention and Control measures.

General Practice has been at the forefront of providing care during the pandemic and has redesigned its work to meet national guidance in order to continue to provide care for patients. General Practice has been open throughout the pandemic and has always acted in the best way possible for our patients in Leeds.

Supporting and appreciating our General Practice workforce is paramount. As such we will not tolerate abuse from any quarter be that the media, government, or the public.

Further correspondence on the detailed response to the plan will be communicated through the regular Primary Care Bulletin.

Your sincerely

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